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BEGIN SUMMARY: THE ANACH NATIONAL CONVENTION TOOK PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 27-29. THE CONVENTION CALLED FOR A MORE RAPID IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW AND WARNED THAT THE CAMPESINOS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY IMPATIENT WITH THE PRESENT DIFFICULT AND SLOW INA PROCESS. ANACH IS CONFRONTED WITH A PARADOX INASMUCH AS AN INCREASE IN GOVERNMENT EFFORTS WILL RESULT IN THE FORMATION OF MORE EMPRESAS ASOCIATIVAS AND THE CREATION OF MORE EMPRESAS WILL FURTHER CUT INTO ANACH MEMBERSHIP AND INFLUENCE. END SUMMARY.

1. THE ANACH NATIONAL CONVENTION TOOK PLACE IN PUERTO CORTES ON SEPTEMBER 27-29. REYES RODRIGUEZ AREVALO, PRESIDENT OF THE ANACH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MADE THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS IN WHICH HE URGED THE GOVERNMENT TO ACCELERATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW. HE CALLED FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF INA BECAUSE "MANY OF ITS FUNCTIONARIES ARE LINKED TO THE CATTLEMEN AND LANDOWNERS AND ARE NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CARRYING OUT THE LAW AS IT WAS CONCEIVED". HE ALSO SAID

THAT THE CHIEF OF STATE AND THE SUPERIOR DEFENSE COUNCIL SHOULD "PROCEED FORTHWITH TO CONTINUE THE REFORMS NEEDED BY THE COUNTRY". HE WARNED THAT THE CAMPESINOS WERE IMPATIENT FOR LAND AND THAT THEIR IMPATIENCE COULD LEAD TO "GREAT SOCIAL PROBLEMS".

2. THE 208 DELEGATES WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION DISCUSSED A SERIES OF PROPOSALS RANGING FROM INTERNAL ORGANIZATION TO RELATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT. THE CONVENTION DELEGATES ISSUED A DECLARATION AT THE END OF THE MEETING. THE MAJOR POINTS FOLLOW:

(A) URGES THE GOVERNMENT TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW;

(B) STATES THAT THE ORGANIZATION WILL TAKE COLLECTIVE ACTION IF THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HEED ITS DEMANDS;

9.): REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT PARDON ALL CAPESINOS WHO ARE IN PRISON OR UNDER BOND;

(D) PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ORGANIZATION WITH ANACH; AND

(E) REJECTS A RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONALITY UNTIL NECESSARY REFORM MEASURES ARE CARRIED OUT.

3. COMMENT: THE SPEECHES AND THE DECLARATION WERE AIMED AT ENHANCING ANACH'S IMAGE OF BEING THE MAJOR SPOKESMAN FOR CAMPESINO INTERESTS. THE REPEATED URGING TO IMPLEMENT THE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW MORE RAPIDLY IS DESIGNED TO SHOW ANACH MEMBERS THAT THE ORGANIZATION IS DOING ALL IT CAN TO PRESURE THE GOVERNMENT INTO GREATER ACTIVITY. ONE OF THE PARADOXES INVOLVED IN THE URGING IS THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT DOES INCREASE THE TEMPO OF ITS AGRARIAN REFORM EFFORTS IT WILL BE CREATING MORE EMPRESAS ASOCIATIVAS; THEREFORE, ANACH WILL STAND TO LOSE MORE OF ITS MEMBERS TO THE EMPRESAS IF THE GOVERNMENT MOVES MORE RAPIDLY. OBVIOUSLY ANACH CANNOT DO ANYTHING ELSE BUT URGE THE GOVERNMENT FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FASTER ACTION BUT, AT THE SAME TIME); THE ANACH LEADERSHIP IS CONCERNED ABOUT HOW DEEPLY THE EMPRESAS WILL EAT INTO THE MEMBERSHIP BASIS OF THE ANACH ORGANIZATION.  
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